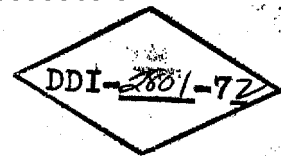


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17 October 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: CIA Member, Critical Collection
Problems Committee

SUBJECT : CCPC Study of Intelligence Activity Against
Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs

This memorandum responds to your 6 October request for Intelligence Directorate concurrence in Draft No. 4 of the subject study dated 3 October 1972. Directorate components have reviewed the draft and have no problems with the substantive judgments therein. Mr. Proctor has reviewed the draft and has expressed concern with some of the conclusions and recommendations.

Mr. Proctor does not agree with Recommendation No. 1 on the establishment of a permanent USIB committee on narcotics. The newly created Office of National Narcotics Intelligence (ONNI) has been assigned, by Presidential order, the function of establishing and maintaining a national narcotics intelligence system. It would appear to be more appropriate, therefore, to recommend that this organization get on with the job which the President has ordered rather than to inject another body into an already confused situation. Furthermore, the existing Intelligence Committee of the CCINC Working Group has the authority to perform most of the needed intelligence-related functions. Through its representation on the Committee, the Agency can provide the necessary stimulus to improve coordination of the effort without formal involvement at the level of the Chairman of USIB.

As you know, the Director has been anxious to maintain a low profile in the narcotics intelligence effort. His sensitivity to possible adverse publicity in connection with this whole problem probably would be heightened by establishment of a formal USIB committee with the functions outlined in the draft study. This would be particularly true were such a committee to publish studies and handbooks having the

imprint of the United States Intelligence Board and the approval signature of the Director of Central Intelligence.

25X1 In addition, the necessity for Recommendations 2 and 12 is questionable. With regard to Number 2, Narcotics Control Action Plans are in effect in about 60 U.S. overseas missions and each of these posts has a Mission Narcotics Coordinating Group, many of which are headed by the Deputy Chief of Mission. As for Recommendation 12, the Ambassador has long since been empowered to do this and the recommendation seems gratuitous. Lastly, Recommendation 18 should be reworded so as to make it unmistakably clear that the [redacted] nited to collection of foreign positive intelligence information on the problem.

Mr. Proctor also believes that the conclusions and recommendations should follow the order of the points developed in the discussion part of the paper. This should result in a grouping of those steps to be taken to improve the effort in the field as opposed to those concerning needed improvements on the Washington scene.

25X1 In light of the DDI nonconcurrence in the draft as it now stands, I ask that we have an opportunity to review a new draft of at least the conclusions and recommendations before the paper goes to press.

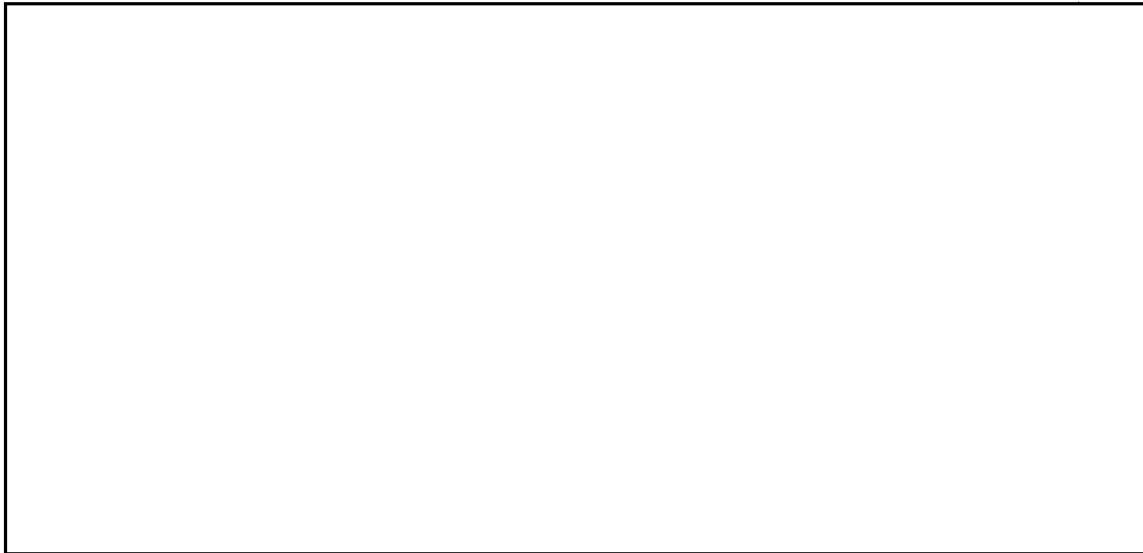
[redacted] has already made available to you a number of word changes suggested by Directorate components.

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